Medication Reference: Sodium Thiosulfate

Class

Cyanide Antidote

Actions

Removes cyanide ion from ferrocyanate complex formed with methemoglobin, producing thiocyanate; excreted by the kidneys.

Indications

Acute cyanide poisoning following administration of nitrates.

Protocol Reference

P8



Contraindications

None in the cyanide poisoning situation.

Precautions

May rarely be ordered without previous administration of nitrate if history is unclear.

Adverse Reactions

No significant side effects in setting of cyanide poisoning following administration of nitrates.

Adult Dosage / Route

- 12.5gm (50ml of 25% solution) IV over 10 minutes utilizing a 60cc syringe.
- Repeat ½ dose if symptoms do not improve or reappear.



Pediatric Dosage / Route

• 0.25 mg/kg (1.2 ml/kg) to a maximum of 12.5 G over 10 minutes

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